

Office of Personnel Management

§ 894.504

(3) Your enrollment change was made effective retroactively which resulted in additional premium withholdings, unless it is as a result of birth or adoption of a *child*.

(4) You have been approved to pay premiums directly to the *Administrator*.

§ 894.404 May I opt out of premium conversion?

No, all enrolled employees whose salary is sufficient to make premium allotments and whose agency is able to make pre-tax allotments must participate in premium conversion.

§ 894.405 What happens if I go into nonpay status or if my pay/annuity is insufficient to cover the allotments?

(a) If your pay, *annuity*, or *compensation* is too low to cover the premium allotments, or if you go into a nonpay status, contact the *Administrator* to arrange to pay your premiums directly to the *Administrator*.

(b) If you do not make the premium payments, your FEDVIP coverage will stop. You will not be able to reenroll until the next open season after:

- (1) You are in pay status; or
- (2) Your pay is sufficient to make the premium allotments.

Subpart E—Enrollment and Changing Enrollment

§ 894.501 When may I enroll?

You may enroll:

- (a) During the annual open season;
- (b) Within 60 *days* after you first become eligible as:
 - (1) A new *employee*;
 - (2) A previously ineligible *employee* who transfers to a covered position; or
 - (3) A new survivor *annuitant*, if not already covered under FEDVIP.
- (c) Within 60 *days* of when you return to service following a break in service of at least 30 days; or
- (d) From 31 days before you or an eligible family member loses other dental/vision coverage to 60 days after a *QLE* that allows you to enroll.

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§ 894.502 What are the Qualifying Life Events (QLEs) that allow me to enroll?

- (a) You or an eligible *family member* lose other dental/vision coverage;
- (b) Your annuity or *compensation* is restored after having been terminated; or
- (c) You return to pay status after being on leave without pay due to deployment to active military duty.

§ 894.503 Are belated enrollments or changes allowed?

(a) The time limit for enrolling or changing your enrollment may be extended up to 3 months after the date you became newly eligible or had a *QLE* or after the end of an open season. To qualify, you must demonstrate to the *Administrator* that you were not able to enroll or change your enrollment on time for reasons beyond your control.

(b) If the *Administrator* allows you to make a belated enrollment or enrollment change, you must enroll or change within 30 *days* after the *Administrator* notifies you of its determination.

§ 894.504 When is my enrollment effective?

(a) Open season enrollments are effective on the date set by OPM.

(b) If you enroll when you first become eligible your enrollment is effective the 1st *day* of the pay period following the one in which the *Administrator* receives your enrollment, but no earlier than December 31, 2006.

(c)(1) A belated open season enrollment is effective retroactive to the date it would have been effective if you had made a timely enrollment or request for a change.

(2) Any other belated enrollment or change is effective retroactive to the 1st *day* of the pay period following the one in which you became newly eligible or the date of your *QLE*.

(3) You are responsible for any retroactive premiums due to a belated enrollment or request for a change.